Hot Jobs in the Trident Workforce Area

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The Trident Workforce Area (Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties) is expected to add over 55,000 jobs between 2006 and 2016, according to new employment projections released by the South Carolina Department of Commerce. That is a projected rate of increase of 18% over ten years.

Based on the results of the forecast, "Hot Jobs" have been identified that will be in demand over that time period. Lists such as this one can be helpful to educators, career counselors, students and other individuals making career plans.

- Accountants and Auditors
- Administrative Services Managers
- Civil Engineers
- Computer and Information Systems Managers
- Computer Software Engineers (Applications)
- Computer Software Engineers (Systems Software)
- Computer Support Specialists
- Computer Systems Analysts
- Database Administrators
- Dental Hygienists
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technicians
- Engineering Managers
- Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants
- Graphic Designers
- Industrial Engineering Technicians
- Industrial Engineers
- Industrial Machinery Mechanics
- Lawyers

- Management Analysts
- Massage Therapists
- Mechanical Engineers
- Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics (except Engines)
- Network and Computer Systems Administrators
- Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts
- Paralegals and Legal Assistants
- Pharmacists
- Physical Therapists
- Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers
- Registered Nurses
- Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing (Technical and Scientific Products)
- Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers
- Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers
- Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers (except Line Installers)

All of these occupations meet three specific criteria: a projected growth rate over 18% over the ten years, an increase of at least 100 jobs over that period and a current average salary level of at least \$37,520 (2008 average for all jobs in the Trident area).

The most new jobs will be associated with registered nurses (+1,892), and the highest average current salary levels of the hot jobs are for lawyers (\$111,080).

The data for these projections was compiled using standard statistical models developed and funded by the U.S. Department of Labor. The projections were reviewed and revised by economic experts prior to their publication.

The complete set of employment projections, both by occupation and industry, are available online at www.scworkforceinfo.com.

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